

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**SB 885 - HB 1032**

March 11, 2003

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Expands the jurisdiction of the West Tennessee River Basin Authority to include the creek and river basins that flow through Benton, Decatur and Hardin Counties into the Tennessee River. Adds Benton, Decatur and Hardin Counties to those counties where the Authority may operate and provides for such additional counties by vote of their legislative bodies to choose to participate in the programs of the Authority. Establishes 6 year terms for members of the Authority's board of directors who are appointed by the Governor.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$78,000 / Permissive**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$22,000 / Permissive**

Estimate assumes:

- West Tennessee River Basin Authority gets approximately 22% of operating revenues from the participating counties and 78% from state appropriations.
- Total operating revenue for the Authority exceeds \$900,000.
- Authority requests 1% of counties' ad valorem taxes multiplied by the portion of the county in which it operates.
- Inclusion of the creek and river basins provided for in the bill will affect the three counties mentioned as well as parts of 5 counties already served by the authority.
- The additional expenses related to serving these new areas will be approximately \$100,000 with local government expenditures estimated to be approximately \$22,000 annually.
- The Authority will request a state appropriation of approximately \$78,000.
- Impact depends on which counties choose to participate in the Authority.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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